



PENINSULA STATE PARK NATURE PROGRAMS

Nature Center open daily 10 AM – 2 PM and 10 AM – 4 PM Saturday. CLOSED Thursdays. Schedule subject to change. To confirm call 920-868-3258. Programs free but park sticker required. Ask about our new kid-friendly geocaches!

Friday July 15 Kayak Tour 10 AM to 12 Noon. Must register at Nature Center in advance. Arrive at Nicolet Beach Rentals by 9:45. Naturalist-led tour featuring Peninsula history and ecology. Two-mile paddle along Peninsula's beautiful shore. Beginners welcome. A lifeguard is not on duty. Youth age seventeen and younger must be in a kayak with an adult. \$18 plus tax payable at Nicolet Beach. Tour may be cancelled due to weather.



FUR TRADE RE-ENACTOR GARY MARCINIAK SATURDAY JULY 16 – MONDAY JULY 19, NATURE CENTER

LIFE OF THE FUR TRADER *See schedule below.* Discover Wisconsin fur trading history by visiting with Gary. See tools, gear, and beadwork (reproductions based on authentic native nation patterns).

WAMPUM BRACELETS *See schedule below.* Nature Center staff will help you bead a wampum bracelet to keep. Requires fine motor skills –best for children age eight and older, teens, and adults. Project takes about thirty minutes. Donations appreciated.

Saturday July 16 Life of the Fur Trader *See above description.* 11 AM to 3 PM. **Leif the Lumberjack** 11:45 AM. Nature Center. Meet zany woodsman Leif the Lumberjack! Discover Wisconsin and Peninsula forest history. Find out how the park is improving forest health. Free tree ID booklets (one per family). **Wampum Bracelets** 12 – 2:30 PM. *See above description.* **Indian Fry Bread** 12: 30 – 1:00 PM. Nature Center. While supplies last. Take turns cooking classic fry bread on a tin can. Sweeten it up with Door County maple syrup (samples – share). Learn culinary history of this flat bread and facts about Peninsula's Native American legacy.

Sunday July 17 Life of the Fur Trader *See above description.* 10 AM to 3 PM. **Blossoms and Boughs** Discover facts, folklore, and native uses of common flowers and Peninsula trees. Sample cedar tea, too. Easy walking. **Wampum Bracelets** 10 AM – 12:30 PM. *See above description.*

Monday July 18 Life of the Fur Trader *See above description.* 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pipe Bead Bear Claw Necklace** Nature Center. Discover the ways of the black bear and how they survive in Door County. Create a bear claw (replica) necklace to keep. **Wampum Bracelets** 10 AM – 12:30 PM.

Tuesday July 19 Naturalist-led Bike Ride 10 -11:15 AM. Meet at Nicolet Beach Bike Rentals. Pedal a lovely three-mile route along Peninsula's beautiful shore and through lush forests. We'll stop about five times to point out trees, flowers and key features. All ages welcome. Please wear a bicycle helmet. Provide your own bicycle or rent one from Nicolet Beach Concessions. Three miles, gently rolling. **SPECIAL EVENT: Camp Meenahga with Mrs. Clark** 7:30 – 8:30 PM. Ephraim Village Hall. One-hundred years ago, two women from St. Louis established a girls camp her (1916-1948). Join founder Mrs. Clark (a.k.a. the park naturalist) to learn how camp began and how it survived during two world wars and the Great Depression. Sponsored by the Ephraim Foundation. Free and open to the public. Donations appreciated.

Wednesday July 20 Gyotaku Banners Drop by the Nature Center anytime from 11 AM to 1 PM to paint a colorful fish campsite banner using rubber fish replicas. While art is drying, try casting with a rod and reel.

Thursday July 21 Nature Center CLOSED. **Stories Under the Stars at Welcker's Point** Come listen to tales around a campfire, hosted by Write On Door County. Some for fun, some based on real Door County events. Suitable for all ages.

Friday July 22 Kayak Tour *See above description.*

Saturday July 23 Eagle Trail Hike 10 AM – 12 Noon. Meet at Eagle Tower. Hike Peninsula's most spectacular trail. Learn about bluff ecology, park history and identify trees of the northern mesic forest. Difficult walking. Two miles. Pack a water bottle for a rest stop along the way. **Scavenger Hunt** Drop by the Nature Center any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for this on-your-own activity. Prizes!

Sunday July 24 FISHING CLINIC AT NICOLET BEACH Peninsula welcomes Greg Karch from learn2fishwithus.com. The workshop is geared for kids of all ages. Register from 10:15 to 10:30 a.m. at Nicolet Beach then learn fishing basics from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. Cast with a pro from 11:45 to 12 Noon. Door prizes for participants, including fishing combinations, shirts and more. There will also be fish knot tying and other crafts.



LIKE TO HIKE? Get a hiking log at the Nature Center, Park Headquarters, or from a camp host. Record adventures. Pins are \$3 with completed log or \$6 without log. Friends of Peninsula merchandise. All proceeds support Nature Center. Collectible – 15th in a series. **ECO CHARMS FOR KIDS!** Bring 50 pieces of litter to the Nature Center charms.

